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# SPECIAL ORDERS NO. 52.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE SOUTH-WEST, }  
*Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 1st, 1862.* }

The encampment on the Arkansas river, near Crystal Hill, will be known as "Camp Crystal Hill." The following regulations are published for its government:

## I. REGIMENTAL REGULATIONS.

### I. HOURS OF SERVICE AND ROLL CALL.

REVEILLE.....	5 a. m., (Roll call.)
DRILL .....	Half hour thereafter, (Roll call.)
BREAKFAST .....	Immediately after drill.
SURGEON'S CALL .....	Fifteen minutes after drill.
GUARD MOUNTING.....	8 a. m.
DINNER .....	12 m.
DRILL .....	5 p. m., (Roll call.)
DRESS PARADE .....	At sunset, (Roll call.)
TATTOO .....	8 p. m., (Roll call.)
TAPS .....	9½ p. m.

There will be a drill and recitation of officers each day, at such time as may be found most convenient.

*On Sundays there will be no drills*—inspection will be at 8 a. m.; guard mounting immediately after.

II. At Reveille and Tattoo, the men will be in ranks when the drum stops beating. A preparatory signal will be beaten five minutes before all other roll calls, at which the men will assemble in their company grounds. Ranks will be formed

during the second beating of the drum; when it stops the companies will be called to attention, and those who fall in after this will be reported as "late." First Sergeants will commit their rolls to memory, call them promptly, and immediately report to a company officer, *one of whom must be present*. Sergeants will keep a correct list of all "lates" and absentees.

III. At Surgeon's call, the sick in camp will assemble in their respective company grounds, and will be marched to the Hospital by a non-commissioned officer, one of whom will be detailed daily for this duty. None will present themselves for treatment, except in this manner, without special permission. The non-commissioned officer will take with him the company sick book, and return it to the First Sergeant, after the Surgeon has made the proper entries therein.

IV. At the call for Guard Mounting, the several guard details will assemble in their respective company grounds, and will be carefully inspected, and then marched to the general parade ground by the First Sergeants. Guards will be mounted strictly in accordance with the army regulations.

V. The old guard, upon the second day after being relieved, will be the general fatigue party for that day. Its duties will be to cleanse, thoroughly, all the regimental encampment, except the company grounds, and to perform such other labor as may be necessary.

A non-commissioned officer and three privates will be detailed daily, by the First Sergeant of each company, as company police, and will thoroughly cleanse their company ground immediately before guard mounting, and again before dress parade. This detail will be made from the list of "lates," where there are any, or, if none, from the guard of the preceding day. The commanding officer of each company will inspect his company-grounds immediately after the times above prescribed. At these inspections, the tents will be in perfect order, walls raised, knapsacks properly packed, and bedding neatly folded.

The officer of the day will be held responsible for the proper performance of police and fatigue duty, and will report all failures to the commanding officer.

VI. At the signal for parade, each company will be formed

on its own company-ground, under arms, and will be thoroughly inspected by its officers. When the music begins playing, the companies will be marched, in their proper order, to the General Parade.

VII. Officers will be permitted to pass the chain of sentinels, at any time between reveille and retreat; but this will not authorize them to absent themselves from any duty whatever, or to go beyond the sound of the drum, without a special permission.

VIII. Non-commissioned officers and privates will be permitted to pass out of camp, by the Guard Tents, at any time between reveille and retreat; but those who shall absent themselves from any duty whatever, or go beyond the sound of the drum, or be guilty of any misconduct while absent, will, for the first offence, be severely punished; for the second offence they will, in addition, be wholly deprived of this liberty.

Non-commissioned officers and privates, wishing to absent themselves for a longer period, but not to exceed twelve hours, must obtain written permission from the captain of their company, approved by the colonel of the regiment. Leaves for a longer period than twelve hours, and not to exceed seven days, must be forwarded through the proper company, regimental and brigade commanders, and be approved by the officer commanding the encampment. Leaves for a longer period than seven days, can only be granted from these Headquarters.

All applications for indulgences must be presented to the commanding officer of the regiment, before 9 a. m.; otherwise, they will not be considered.

Permits must specify the name of the applicant, his company and regiment, why he wishes to be absent, and to what period.

IX. Officers and soldiers are prohibited from bathing more than once on the same day, and all bathing must be within one hour after sunrise, or within one hour of sunset. Patrols will be ordered to the river from time to time, to see that this regulation is observed. Such patrols will arrest all persons who may violate it.

X. At taps, all lights, except those of commissioned officers, non-commissioned staff and first Sergeants, will be extinguished, and there will be perfect quiet within the encampment. One officer of each company will remain on duty in his company grounds for half an hour after taps, and will enforce obedience to these requirements.

All lights, except those of the field and staff, will be extinguished at 11 p. m.

XI. The officer of the day will visit the several companies



immediately after each Roll-call, and receive the reports of the officers. He will take the names of all absentees, and enter them upon his report.

The old and new officers of the day will report at regimental Headquarters daily, immediately after guard-mounting.

XII. No gambling, profanity or drunkenness will be tolerated, and no games whatever will be allowed on Sunday.

XIII. As the prime object of this encampment is the military instruction of the command, the strictest attention will be exacted of all officers and soldiers to drills, parades and guard duties. No excuse will be accepted for neglect in these particulars.

## II. GENERAL REGULATIONS.

I. Each brigade commander will detail one of the field officers of the several regiments to be *field officer of the day* for the brigade. Such officer will report at the headquarters of the brigade commander immediately after guard mounting, for instructions. He will be required to visit the encampments of the several regiments of the brigade; to look into and report their condition, police, discipline, etc.; to visit, inspect, and instruct the picket guards of the brigade, and to exercise general supervision of the brigade encampment. He will make a report, in writing, to the brigade commander, at the expiration of his tour of duty.

II. Each brigade commander will cause a picket guard to be detailed each day, consisting of two lieutenants, two sergeants, three corporals, and thirty privates. This guard will be mounted at the same hour as the regimental guards, by the brigade adjutant. It will be posted at such point in front, as the brigade commander shall designate, about one mile from the encampment.

III. The commanding officer of the encampment will cause small cavalry pickets to be placed on all roads leading towards the east and north, and about ten miles from the encampment.

IV. A *general officer of the day* will be detailed daily from the regimental commanders, and will have supervision of all the encampments and picket guards. He will report all irregularities to the commanding officer of the encampment, at the expiration of his tour.

V. A provost marshal will be appointed by the commanding officer of the encampment, whose duty it will be to take charge of all prisoners who may be retained in custody more than twenty-four hours.

A guard will be furnished him, of such strength as may be required from time to time.

By command of Maj. Gen. HINDMAN.

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Chief of Staff.

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